

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

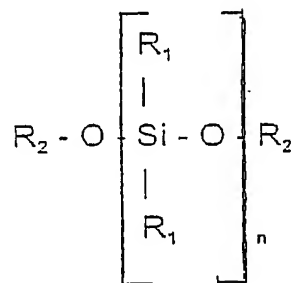
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A composition consisting essentially of:

a resin constituent which includes

i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,

ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



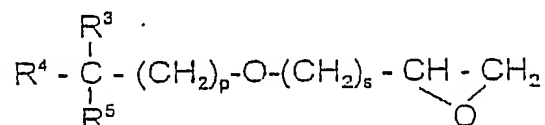
where R^1 is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms; R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains.

2. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio between the epoxy silane, polysiloxane and non-aromatic epoxy resin is 1:2-5:2-5.

3. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the non-aromatic epoxy resin is a branched aliphatic epoxy resin.

4. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



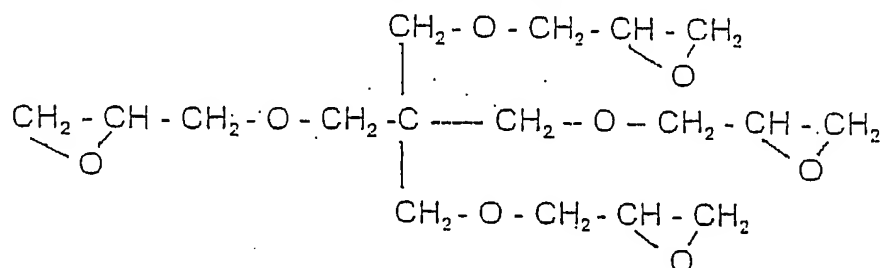
where p is an integer between 0 and 3, s is an integer between 1 and 3, R³ and R⁴ represent independently C₁₋₆alkyl or a group - (CH₂)_p-O-(CH₂)_s-CH-CH₂,

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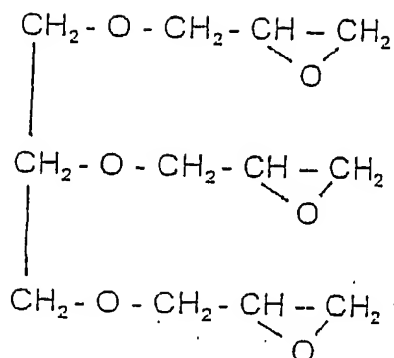
where p and s are as defined above and R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or a group - (CH₂)_p-O-(CH₂)_s-CH-CH₂, where p and s are as defined above.

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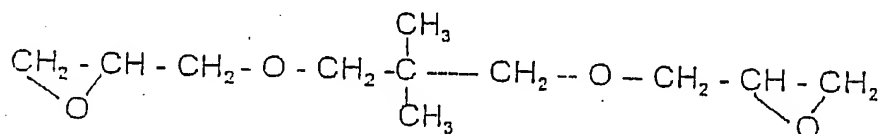
5. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



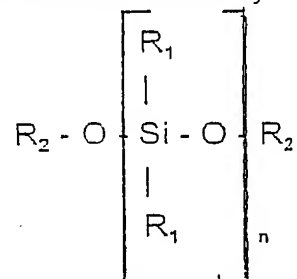
6. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



7. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

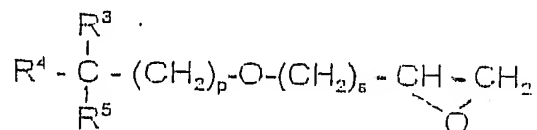


8. (currently amended) A composition comprising:
- a resin constituent which includes
- i) a non-aromatic epoxy resin,
 - ii) a polysiloxane having the formula:



where R^1 is a hydroxyl or an alkyl, aryl or alkoxy group having up to 6 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrogen or an alkyl or aryl group having up to 6 carbon atoms and n is a number selected so that the molar mass of the polysiloxane is within the range of 400 to 2000, and

iii) an epoxy silane which acts as a crosslinking agent between the epoxy and siloxane chains, wherein the non-aromatic epoxy resin is a branched aliphatic epoxy resin, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula

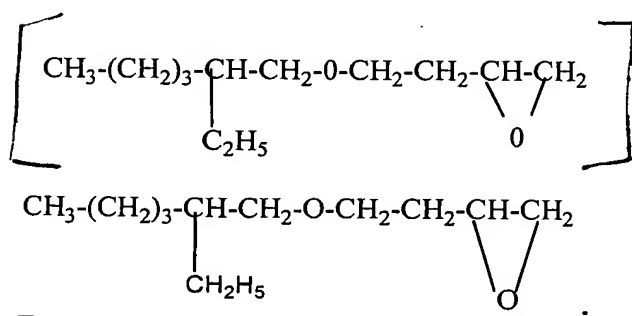


where p is an integer between 0 and 3, s is an integer between 1 and 3, R³ and R⁴ represent independently C₁₋₆alkyl or a group

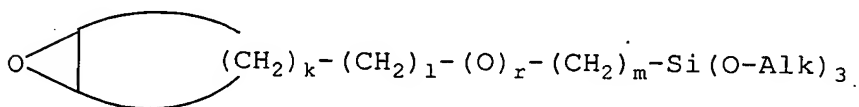
$$-(CH_2)_p-O-(CH_2)_s-\underset{\substack{\diagdown \\ O}}{\underset{\substack{| \\ O}}{CH}}-CH_2,$$

where p and s are as defined above and R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or a group $-(CH_2)_p-O-(CH_2)_s-\underset{\underset{O}{\parallel}}{CH}-CH_2$, where p and s are as defined above,

and wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



9. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



where k is an integer between 0 and 4, r is 0 or 1, l is an integer between 1 and 6, m is an integer between 1 and 6 and Alk is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

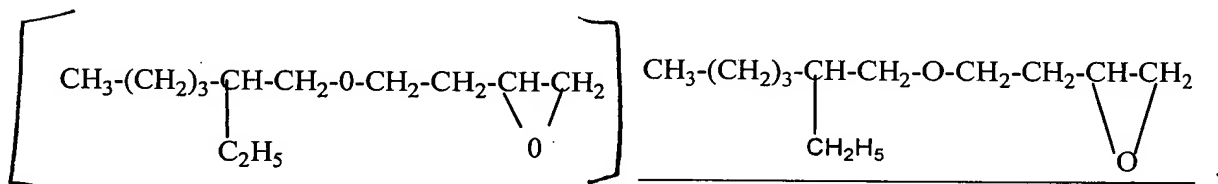
10. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula



11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A kit, comprising a container A, which contains a composition according to claim 1, and a container B, which contains a hardener, whereby the container A and/or B may further contain conventional additives.

13. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the aliphatic epoxy resin has the formula



14. (previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 9, wherein the epoxy silane has the formula

